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**Federal Communications Commission
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**AT&T WITHDRAWS APPLICATION TO
DISCONTINUE TOLL FREE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE
SERVICE, 1-800-555-1212**

NSD File No. W-P-D-443

On November 12, 1999, AT&T Communications ("AT&T") filed an application requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue providing AT&T Toll-Free Directory Assistance Service, which is called by dialing 1-800-555-1212. The date of the planned discontinuance was March 31, 2000.

On November 16, 1999, the Commission released a public notice inviting comment on AT&T's application. Numerous comments were received in response to the Public Notice. On December 10, 1999, the Commission released a second public notice that notified AT&T its application would not be granted automatically but would be acted upon based on its merits, following further examination of the matter.

On January 21, 2000, pending Commission review of the record, AT&T withdrew its application to discontinue its Toll Free Directory Assistance Service, effective immediately. AT&T notified its customers, the Responsible Organizations ("RESPORGs"), which are the firms that provide toll free numbers to the public, that its application to discontinue the service was withdrawn. AT&T also filed Transmittal No. 11522, effective January 22, 2000, which modified certain terms of service and rates and charges that RESPORGs pay for listing 800 numbers.

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